



Saint Augustine's Catholic Primary School
Headteacher: Mrs J Walsh

*"We come to school to live and learn happily together by
loving ourselves and each other as Jesus teaches us"*

27th September 2024

Dear Parents,

Year 5 SPEC (Spiritual & Personal Encounter with Christ) Residential Trip 2025

I am delighted to inform you that a provisional booking has been made for your child to spend a night at the SPEC Retreat Centre, from the 14th to 15th May 2025. The SPEC Retreat Centre is located on a beautiful plot of land in the village of Pinner, in north London. The area was historically called Waxwell Farm, and consists of excellent retreat facilities, including: seven acres of garden; Waxwell House; and the St. Joan of Arc Residential Complex. Further information can be found <https://www.specretreatcentre.org/facilities>

A retreat is an opportunity to step back from our routines and evaluate our relationship with God. Going on retreat means entering an environment where everyone is challenged to reflect on the bigger questions in our hearts, to bring those questions to God and to each other, and to be invited to meet the Lord halfway. The Year 5s theme will be 'Life to the Full'.

If the whole class attends, the total cost per child (including the coach) will be £120.00, payable via School Gateway. In order for us to confirm numbers and secure our booking we will require the initial non-refundable deposit of £30 by 30th September 2024. Three further monthly payments of £30.00 will then be required as detailed below. If you would prefer to pay more one month and less another, or should you prefer to pay in one go, that is also ok as long as we receive the deposit in full and all final balances are settled by 31st March 2025 at the very latest.

£30 by 29th November 2024 £30 by 31st January 2025 £30 31st March 2025

Please be aware that the school reserve the right to refuse a place on this trip for any pupil whose attendance falls below the acceptable level and/or their behaviour has been a cause for concern.

If you need to discuss this further, please do not hesitate to contact me

Yours sincerely

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